

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **TANAAMI, Takeo et al.** Group Art Unit: **2877 (Expected)**

Serial No.: Not yet assigned Examiner: **EVANS, FANNIE L. (Expected)**

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For. **BIOCHIP READER**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: September 22, 2003

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned Rule 1.53(b) Divisional application. Please amend this Rule 1.53(b) Divisional application as follows: